



Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFETY

Labor Day is the last long weekend of the summer season and many Soldiers, civilian workers, and their family members will enjoy the final days of summer with travel, family gatherings, and outdoor recreation. While the change of pace may be a well-deserved break from the routine, there is also an inherent risk of accidents and injuries associated with holiday weekends.


So far this fiscal year, TRADOC has lost 17 Soldiers in fatal accidents. Privately owned vehicle (POV) accidents accounted for 14 of these fatalities, and of that 14, 6 resulted from motorcycle accidents. We must aggressively attack the causes of these accidents to prevent further loss. At a minimum, you must identify at-risk behavior in our Soldiers and intervene as necessary, demand the use of ASMIS II for pre-trip counseling, and actively involve the leadership at every level in accident prevention efforts.

While you aggressively work to reduce the incidence of POV accidents, do not overlook other special hazards associated with this period. Water-related activities, high temperatures, and outdoor activities, coupled with increased alcohol consumption, increase the potential for accidents. Use available resources to increase safety awareness and educate our Soldiers on the use of composite risk management to reduce their potential for becoming an accident victim. Leader involvement is critical to the success of our accident prevention efforts, but the use of composite risk management ultimately empowers Soldiers to think smarter, take control, and "Own the Edge." Together we can make a difference. I expect your personal support and involvement.

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